



Music From the Marsh

*...a Summer Cultural Performing Arts Series
focusing on what makes Michigan Unique!*



2017 Concert Series Bay City State Recreation Area Saginaw Bay Visitor Center



Saturday, June 17, 7PM, Dan Hall, "Songs of Shipwreck and Gale"

A presentation of songs and short stories recanting triumphs and tragedies upon our Inland Seas.

Saturday, June 24, 7PM Dave Boutette, "Songs About Michigan"

Blending many schools of American roots and popular music including folk, blues, swing, and old time country, his songs testify to the power of true love, rebirth, snow plows, and migrating fish.

Saturday, July 1, 7PM, Neil Woodward, "Michigan Through the Eyes of a Song"

Take a tour through Great Lakes Places with Michigan's Troubadour Neil Woodward. Stories of Michigan Folks, A festival of songs and musical sounds with voice, fiddle, banjo, dulcimer, concertina, guitar, harmonica, mandolin, whistle and more!

Saturday, July 8, 7PM, Mike Deren "Daylight in the Swamp: The Michigan Shantyboy"

"The Past in Person" is a multi-faceted, audience-centered program that can educate, delight and enthrall the whole family. It will motivate and encourage you to learn more about the past that surrounds you!

Saturday, July 15, 7PM, John Latini, "The Blues Just Makes Me Feel Good!"

Two-time Detroit Blues Challenge winner John Latini will be singing the Lake Huron Marsh blues! Expect to hear blues and roots songs from John's new record "The Blues Just Makes Me Feel Good" as well as, time-tested classics from Taj Mahal, Blossom Dearie and BB King!

Saturday, July 22, 7PM, The String Thing Band, "Songs of Michigan's Musical Heritage"

String Thing is a collection of friends who enjoy playing together. We play a variety of music including (but not limited to) old time, folk, & soft rock.

Saturday, July 29, 7PM, Chris Vallillo, "Abraham Lincoln in Song"

Chris Vallillo combines Lincoln's own words and stories with contemporary folk music and period folk songs to shed light on one of our nation's most beloved historical figures -- not only as a remarkable leader, but as a man who knew and loved this very music himself.

Saturday, August 5, 7PM, Lee Murdock, "Windjammers, Tin Stackers: Great Lakes Sailors Sail to Steam"

Lee Murdock has uncovered a boundless body of music and stories in the Great Lakes. There is an amazing timelessness in this music. Great Lakes songs are made of hard word, hard living, ships that go down and ships that come in.

Saturday, August 12, 7PM, Genot Picor & Mindy Whalen, "Stories, Songs & Dances of the Voyageur"

Journey back into Michigan's fur trading past. Sit back and relax to the strains of Mindy's violin and Genot's guitar, or get actively involved with interactive stories, sing-alongs or a simple community dance. There's a little something for everyone!

Saturday, August 19, 7PM, Monday's Supper w/ Siusan O'Rourke & Zig augus Cairde, "Shamrock Shores of Michigan"

2014's #1 Celtic Album performers, Siusan and Zig Zeitler return to our series accompanied by Tri-City favorites, Kathy Morris & Andy Rogers. They will captivate us once again with Irish stories and songs, of the people who made their way to Michigan from that green isle across the salt water sea.

Saturday, August 26, 7PM, Sigrid Christiansen, "Life of a Michigan Girl"

Poetic, playful and profound, her lyrics, sweet voice and solid guitar work are gracefully entwined with haunting melodies.

Saturday, September 2, 7PM, Gordon Lightfoot Tribute: Mike Fornes, "Lost Ships; Lost Loves of the Lake"

Mike Fornes appearing as Gordon Lightfoot, on stage, he demonstrates his love of a genre of timeless music that captured millions during the 1960s, 1970s and 1980s. His catalogue of Gord's music includes 75 songs that he chooses from in concert.

All concerts will be performed on an outdoor stage adjacent to the Visitor Center parking area. Please bring your own lawn chairs. In the case of inclement weather concerts will take place inside the Saginaw Bay Visitor Center. Performances are sponsored by the Friends of BCSRA, the Michigan Council for the Arts & Cultural Affairs, and the Saginaw Arts & Enrichment Commission. Donations will be taken the evening of each performance.

There is no cost for this event; however, a \$11 Recreation Passport is required for all vehicles entering the park.

For more information on this program call:

Saginaw Bay Visitor Center, (989) 667-0717 or visit: www.michigan.gov/saginawbayvc.